



Transportation Policy Committee Member Bios



Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale, Chair

Mayor Elaine Scruggs, City of Glendale, is an active participant in regional and statewide issues. She served as Chair of the MAG Regional Council from 1996 to 1998. During that time, she led the effort to re-prioritize \$500 million of transportation funds to accelerate freeways and put unfunded freeway segments back on the Regional Freeway Plan. Also as Chair of MAG, Mayor Scruggs led the effort to re-engineer the MAG policy-making process. She Chairs the Regional Aviation System Policy Committee and was Vice Chair of the MAG Transportation Subcommittee. She previously served as President of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns and was appointed by Governor Jane Hull to serve on the Arizona Municipal Tax Code Commission. Mayor Scruggs serves on both the Arizona Military Airport Preservation Committee and the Governor's Military Facilities Task Force. She helps to foster the positive development of youth by actively participating in committees, and fosters leadership through programs at Glendale University. Mayor Scruggs' business career included highly specialized management assignments within the communications industry. In 1998, she was honored as one of the Top 100 Arizona Women.



Councilmember Peggy Bilsten, Phoenix, Vice Chair

Councilmember Peggy Bilsten has served on the Phoenix City Council, District 3, since 1994. Councilmember Bilsten worked to establish the Graffiti Hotline in 1995 and to open the district's first senior center, Shadow Mountain Senior Center, in 1996. She worked with a team of city staff members to install noise walls for residents abutting the Squaw Peak Freeway north of Shea Boulevard. Councilmember Bilsten chairs the City Council Transportation, Aviation, Transit, and Technology subcommittee and the Mayor's Ad Hoc Committee on Domestic Violence. She is a member of the MAG Domestic Violence Council and the Regional Aviation System Plan Policy Committee. She also served on the MAG Transportation Subcommittee. Councilmember Bilsten played an active role in the successful effort to gain the Phoenix Transit tax. In addition, she serves as a Board Member for the MAG Domestic Violence Council, Children's Action Alliance, Childhelp USA, Valley Lutheran High School, Life Sentence, Lutheran Brotherhood, and the Arizona Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired.



F. Rockne Arnett, Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee (CTOC)

F. Rockne Arnett is a certified insurance counselor and the President of the East Valley Partnership. As president, Mr. Arnett leads a non-profit business coalition on issues of regional significance. As an insurance counselor, he has more than 38 years experience brokering risk and insurance services. His specific areas of expertise are construction and transportation risk and insurance services. Mr. Arnett attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. He is a member of the Arizona Tourism and Sports Authority and of the MAG Regional Council, and is Chair of the Citizens Transportation Oversight Committee. He also served on the MAG Governance Advisory Committee. Mr. Arnett is the past President of the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America and Mesa Rotary Club, and the past Chair of the Arizona Department of Transportation Board.



Mayor Ron Badowski, Wickenburg

Mayor Ron Badowski was elected Mayor of the Town of Wickenburg in June 2004. He served on the Wickenburg Town Council for the past six years. Mayor Badowski served on the Wickenburg Planning & Zoning Commission for 4 years, on the Wickenburg Rotary Club for 20 years, on the Wickenburg Community Hospital Board for 12 years, on the Wickenburg School District Board of Education for 10 years, and as a trustee and board member for private charitable foundations and trusts. Mayor Badowski is a CPA and has resided for 26 years in the Town of Wickenburg.



Steve Beard, SR Beard and Associates

Steve Beard is Managing Partner of S. R. Beard & Associates (SRBA). SRBA is a national transportation planning and project management company with headquarters in Phoenix. Other offices and staff are located in Texas, California, and Florida. The firm works with government agencies on bus, rail, highway, and airport projects. Steve served as an Army infantry officer and helicopter gunship pilot in Vietnam. He has a bachelor's degree in Aviation Management from Auburn University and a master's degree in Urban Planning from Florida State University. Steve has been active in community and business issues in the Phoenix area for almost 20 years. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Tempe Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce. He is a deacon in the Catholic Church.



Mayor Steven Berman, Gilbert

Mayor Steve M. Berman served as a member of the Gilbert Town Council prior to being elected Mayor in June 2002. He is a former Captain in the U.S. Army and holds a bachelor's degree from Arizona State University. He now owns a chain of cellular telephone stores. Mayor Berman served on a number of boards of directors, including the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, the Gilbert Fine Arts Association, the MAG Regional Council, the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs, the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association, and the Gilbert Community Activities Board. He also served on several commissions appointed by the Governor, including the Arizona Baseball Commission and the Arizona Municipal Tax Commission.



Dave Berry, Swift Transportation

David C. Berry is the Vice President of Phoenix based Swift Transportation, the nation's largest Truckload Carrier. Mr. Berry is a graduate of the University of Arizona with a bachelor's degree in finance. He has been a resident of Phoenix for 42 years and is an active member of the transportation industry. He serves as Director of the American Trucking Association (ATA) and Chair of the ATA Tax Policy and Communications committee. Other transportation activities include serving as Director of the Western Highway Institute, Chairman of the Arizona Highways Users Association, Director of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and member of the Governor's CANAMEX Trade Corridor Task Force.



Jed Billings, FNF Construction

Jed Billings has been CEO of FNF Construction, Inc. for the past 15 years. His firm is currently involved in active transportation projects in Arizona, New Mexico and California. For the past four years, FNF Construction, Inc. has been ranked as the number one heavy highway contractor by the Arizona Business Journal. Mr. Billings holds a bachelor of science degree in construction engineering from Arizona State University. He served as 2001 Chairman of the Arizona Chapter Associated General Contractors; 1994 Past President & Life Director of Arizona Rock Products Association; Board Member Emeritus of Rubber Pavements Association Asphalt Technical Institute; State Director, ARTBA, March 2001 (3-Year Term); State Director, National Asphalt Pavement Association, February, 1999 (3-Year Term); only Contractor Member, Transportation Research Board; 2003 Chairman, AGC Transportation Committee; 2001 Chairman, ADOT-AGC Joint Cooperative Committee; Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni (ASU); ASU Alumni Association; and the ASU Del E. Webb Leadership Committee.



Mayor James Cavanaugh, Goodyear

Mayor Cavanaugh is a former commissioner on Goodyear's Planning and Zoning Commission and a real estate broker, owning his own company, Cavanaugh Realty. He is a retired Air Force Colonel, having served 30 years in command, management, and missile operations positions. He possesses a bachelor of science and a master of business administration. In March of 2003, Jim was elected to a two year term as Mayor of Goodyear after serving as a Councilmember since 1999. He also serves on the MAG Regional Council.



Councilmember Pat Dennis, Peoria

A Peoria resident for 17 years, Councilmember Pat Dennis has been elected to two consecutive terms on the City Council since 1995. Councilmember Dennis graduated from Mercy College with a degree in social work and has worked in the early childhood field for 14 years. She currently works as a real estate agent. Councilmember Dennis is a member of numerous boards and associations including Arizona Woman in Municipal government. She is a member and past Chair of the Valley Metro Transportation Board. Councilmember Dennis is a member of the Not-for-Profit Funding and CDBG Appropriation Committee and the Sports Complex Board, Chair of the Subcommittee of Boards and Commission Appointments, and City Council liaison for the Education Committee.



Mayor Boyd Dunn, Chandler

Mayor Boyd Dunn, a 21-year resident of Chandler, has a local law practice and has served on several boards and commissions, including the East Valley Behavioral Health Association, East Valley Partnership, Child Crisis Center Advisory Committee, Chandler Airport Commission and seven years as a member and Chairman on the Planning and Zoning Commission. He serves as a member of the MAG Regional Council. Mayor Dunn is also on the Board of Directors for Valley Metro and Arizona Municipal Water Users' Association. He serves nationally on the National League of Cities Transportation and Communications Committees. Mayor Dunn has a bachelor's degree in political science and a juris doctorate from Arizona State University. He was admitted to the State Bar of Arizona in 1979, is a member of the Christian Legal Society, and is Treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of the Phoenix Council Navy League.



Joe Lane, Arizona Department of Transportation

Joe Lane was appointed to the State Transportation Board in January of 2002 and represents Maricopa County. Mr. Lane is retired, but up until December of 2001, he was the Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Agriculture and the Governor's Agriculture Policy Advisor, served five terms in the Arizona House of Representatives (District 8), representing Cochise, Graham and Greenlee counties from 1979 to 1988.

Mr. Lane is married and they have three children and ten grandchildren. He and his wife reside in Phoenix, Arizona. Mr. Lane has also served on several boards; President/Willcox School Board, President/Willcox Rotary Club, President Cochise-Graham Cattle Growers Association, President/Arizona Cattle Growers Association and Chairman/Arizona Heart Association. He was also an Eagle Scout, Officer in the U.S. Army, 2nd Armored Division – 1958 to 1959, and managed a family ranch for 23 years.



Mayor Hugh Hallman, Tempe

Mayor Hugh Hallman is a longtime activist, volunteer and lifelong resident of Tempe. Tempe voters elected Mr. Hallman mayor in March 2004. Mr. Hallman also served on the City Council from 1998 to 2002. Mr. Hallman has a degree from the University of Chicago's law school and bachelor's degrees in economics and political science from Claremont Men's College. A practicing business law attorney, Mr. Hallman specializes in domestic and international finance and taxation. He represents an array of clients, from small, family-owned businesses to large, publicly traded corporations. As an economist, Mr. Hallman has worked with many of the country's top economists at Stanford, Harvard, MIT and the University of Chicago in analyzing markets and competition in various industries. As a professor and lecturer, Mr. Hallman has taught business law and economics at East Kazakhstan State University and has lectured on agribusiness policy at Arizona State University. He has written various texts and books, including "How to Do Business in Kazakhstan," published in 1999. As a community volunteer, Mr. Hallman has devoted time to local charities like East Valley Habitat for Humanity, Assistance for Independent Living and Tempe Community Action Agency. He has served on the Tempe Aviation Commission and as a board member on the Airport Noise Abatement Committee.



Mayor Keno Hawker, Mesa

Mayor Keno Hawker served previously as a Mesa Councilmember from 1986 until 1994 and from 1998 to 2000. He also served as Vice Mayor from 1990 until 1992. Mayor Hawker is currently the Chair of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, served as Chair on the MAG Regional Council Transportation Subcommittee, and was a member of the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee and the Governance Task Force. He is currently a member of the Regional Aviation System Plan Policy Committee. Mayor Hawker is a member of many other organizations including, but not limited to, Mesa Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Conference of Mayors, League of Arizona Cities and Towns, Williams Gateway Authority, Regional Public Transportation Authority, National League of Cities Transportation Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee, and the TEA-21 Task Force. Mayor Hawker is a business owner and President of Hawker Trucks & Materials, Inc. He has a bachelor's degree from Wisconsin State University and an M.B.A. from the University of Wisconsin.



Eneas Kane, DMB Associates

Eneas A. Kane is the Executive Vice President and General Counsel for DMB Associates, Inc., a locally-owned and operated real estate development firm. Mr. Kane supervises and provides guidance with respect to zoning and land use activities. His focus is on regional planning and regional transportation issues as they pertain to master planned community projects. Mr. Kane has served on numerous commissions and advisory groups, including the Phoenix Arts Commission, the City of Phoenix Design Review Task Force, the North Mountain Village Planning Committee, and has been a member of Valley Partnership's board of directors. He currently serves on the State Land Conservation Advisory Committee and is a member of the Maricopa County and American Bar Associations and the State Bar of Arizona.



Mayor Marie Lopez-Rogers, Avondale

Served on Avondale city council since January 1996; as Vice-Mayor until Dec. 2003; re-elected in November 2003; appointed City of Avondale Mayor in January 2006.



Mayor Mary Manross, Scottsdale

Mayor Mary Manross served on the Scottsdale City Council from 1992 to 2000 before she was elected Mayor. She currently sits on the MAG Regional Council and Executive Committee, holding the office of Treasurer. Mayor Manross has a bachelor of science degree in political science and a teaching credential. Among her areas of interest are neighborhood and redevelopment issues, as well as preservation of the McDowell Mountains and Sonoran Desert. Mayor Manross has served on numerous committees, including the Scottsdale Parks and Recreation Commission, the Planning Commission, and as Vice Chair of the Scottsdale Bond Committee. She has also represented the community at the state and national level by serving on the Governor's Task Force on Urban Planning, the Arizona Town Hall, and the National League of Cities Transportation, Infrastructure and Services Steering Committee. Mayor Manross also participates in the Art Masterpiece Program and as the legislative liaison for the Parent Teacher Association.



David Scholl, Westcor

A 34-year resident of Phoenix, David Scholl has been associated with Westcor for 21 years and now is senior vice president of development. Scholl is active in many aspects of the shopping center development industry. He is a member of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) and Urban Land Institute (ULI). Scholl serves as treasurer for the Arizona District Council of ULI, and is a member of ULI's CRC Gold Council. He also is a member of the Arizona ICSC Government Affairs Committee, and serves on the Board of Valley Partnership.

He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Arizona and master's degree from Arizona State University. After graduating from the U of A, Scholl worked one year with Coldwell Banker in Phoenix as a broker-trainee. In 1984, he joined Westcor in the arena of income property acquisition. He has worked on regional shopping center development projects, including Arrowhead Towne Center, Chandler Fashion Center, Prescott Gateway, FlatIron Crossing, Scottsdale Fashion Square and La Encantada.



Councilmember Daniel Schweiker, Paradise Valley

Councilmember Daniel W. Schweiker is the Chairman, CEO and Co-founder of China Mist Tea Company. Mr. Schweiker attended the University of Arkansas and the University of Iowa for his undergraduate degree. He is a 1976 graduate of Drake University School of Law. Mr. Schweiker has been an active member of the Valley community. He sat on the board of the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, Teach for America/Arizona, Children's Action Alliance, Business Volunteers for the Arts/Phoenix, Phoenix City Club, Phoenix Day Child Development Center, Phoenix Local Development Corporation, and Friends of Public Radio Arizona.



Supervisor Don Stapley , Maricopa County

Don Stapley was elected to his third term as Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors in January 2006. Currently in his fourth term representing District 2, Mr. Stapley also served as chairman and vice-chairman in previous years. In addition, he served as the Chairman of the Maricopa County Board of Adjustments as a private citizen.

Mr. Stapley was born in Phoenix and graduated from Westwood High School in Mesa. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah. He is a lifelong Arizona resident and member of an Arizona pioneer family.

Mr. Stapley's additional duties include membership on the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Regional Council, the group of mayors and stakeholders who are responsible for planning, funding and implementing regional governmental programs and the County Commission on Justice System Intervention for the Seriously Mentally Ill.



Mayor J. Woodfin Thomas, Litchfield Park

J. Woodfin "Woody" Thomas was elected Mayor of Litchfield Park in May 2000 and re-elected in 2002 and 2004. Mayor Thomas served on the MAG Governance Task Force. He is a member of the MAG Regional Council Executive Committee, holding the office of Vice Chair. He received his degree in dairy science from the University of Maryland, and has been with Rural Development at the United States Department of Agriculture for over 24 years. Mayor Thomas is a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser and has served on the Arizona Appraisers Coalition as Chair. He also served as President of two state chapters of a Federal Employees Association, and is a member of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, the National Association of Credit specialists, and is a member of the Farm Service Agency.